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SUBJECT: JCSD INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET KOREAN WAR VETERAN VIKTOR PETROVICH MOZHARIVSKIY.

SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 16, 2002, JCSD REPRESENTATIVES DANZ BLASSER AND MSG MICHAEL LUNINI CONDUCTED AN INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET KOREAN WAR VETERAN VIKTOR PETROVICH MOZHARIVSKIY. MOZHARIVSKIY STATED THAT HE OBSERVED AN AMERICAN BEING TAKEN INTO CAPTIVITY DURING HIS SERVICE IN THE KOREAN THEATER OF WAR.

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2. MOZHARIVSKIY WAS BORN ON JUNE 27, 1928, NEAR KIEV, UKRAINE. HE ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE IN 1952 IN THE DONETSK OBLAST. DURING THE KOREAN WAR, MOZHARIVSKIY SERVED AS A CREWMAN ON AN 85 MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN IN THE FIRST BATTERY, 513TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT REGIMENT, 35TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT DIVISION. THE 35TH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE SUPUN HYDROELECTRIC STATION AND HAD UNITS IN NORTH KOREA AND CHINA. THE 35TH ARRIVED IN THE KOREAN THEATER OF WAR IN FEBRUARY 1953.

3. MOZHARIVSKIY TOLD US THAT IN THE LATE SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER OF 1953, HIS REGIMENT SHOT DOWN AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT MANAGED TO EJECT, LANDED WITHIN 300 METERS OF MOZHARIVSKIY'S BATTERY, AND IMMEDIATELY SURRENDERED. ACCORDING TO MOZHARIVSKIY, WHEN ASKED HIS RANK, THE AMERICAN RESPONDED IN RUSSIAN THAT HE WAS A MAJOR. HE TOLD THE SOVIETS, TO INCLUDE MOZHARIVSKIY, THAT HIS FAMILY WAS ORIGINALLY FROM KHARKOV. MOZHARIVSKIY REMEMBERED THAT THE AMERICAN APPEARED TO BE AROUND 50 YEARS OLD, AVERAGE HEIGHT AND BUILD, AND WAS WEARING A LEATHER JACKET. THE AMERICAN ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD A FAMILY WAITING FOR HIM BACK IN THE STATES. MOZHARIVSKIY SAID THAT A FEW MINUTES LATER, CHINESE SOLDIERS ARRIVED AND TOOK THE AMERICAN AWAY. MOZHARIVSKIY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE AMERICAN AFTER HE WAS TAKEN AWAY JCSD NOTE: LT COL JOHN GIRAUDO, JUNE 16, 1953, RMC BIG SWITCH, WAS SHOT DOWN BY AAA FIRE AND TAKEN PRISONER UPON LANDING. GIRAUDO SERVED AS AN INSTRUCTOR PILOT IN THE SOVIET UNION DURING WWII (JCSD HAS A COPY OF THE RUSSIAN VERSION OF GIRAUDO'S INTERROGATION, IN WHICH HE STATES THIS. IT IS PROBABLE THAT HE LEARNED SOME RUSSIAN WHILE IN THE SOVIET UNION OR LEARNED SOME PRIOR TO GOING THERE. ADDITIONALLY, GIRAUDO HAD JUST BEEN PROMOTED TO LT COL SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO HIS CAPTURE.). GIRAUDO WAS TAKEN TO ANTUNG, CHINA, FOR INTERROGATION AFTER HIS CAPTURE. HE DID NOT REPORT CONTACT WITH SOVIET PERSONNEL IN HIS DEBRIEFING UPON RETURN TO U.S. CONTROL. LT. JOHN SOUTHERLAND WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE ON THE GROUND AFTER EJECTING FROM HIS AIRCRAFT ON JUNE 6, 1953. SOUTHERLAND WAS DOWNED BY AAA NEAR THE AREA WHERE MOZHARIVSKIY'S UNIT WAS STATIONED. OTHER U.S. PILOTS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN BY AAA IN THE AREA INCLUDE: EDWARD DILLON, JUNE 15, 1953, RMC BIG SWITCH; ALBERT HODGES, JUNE 19, 1953, RMC BIG SWITCH; ROBERT COURY, JUNE 10, 1953, RMC BIG SWITCH.

4. MOZHARIVSKIY WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE NAMES OF OTHER SOLDIERS WITH WHOM HE SERVED WHILE IN THE KOREAN THEATER OF WAR:

- A) POLKATASHIN WAS A MEMBER OF MOZHARIVSKIY'S BATTERY.
- B) BATAZAT WAS A MEMBER OF MOZHARIVSKIY'S BATTERY.
- C) EGOROV WAS A MEMBER OF MOZHARIVSKIY'S BATTERY.
- D) MAJOR TIMOSHENKO WAS MOZHARIVSKIY'S BATTERY COMMANDER.
- E) CHERNYAK WAS A PLATOON COMMANDER AND MAY LIVE IN POLTAVA.

5. MOZHARIVSKIY SAID HE WOULD MEET WITH JCSD REPRESENTATIVES AGAIN SHOULD ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ARISE.

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